Listing of the Claims:

1.   (Canceled)

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[2]], 30 wherein the one or more files of the communication ~~attachments~~ include attachment notes, file identification modifiers, and external file links.

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[4]] 30, further comprising:
~~for each of a plurality of communications~~ files providing a control record for each of the one or more files of a communication in a directory location for indexing the one or more files of a communication; and
for each of the one or more files of the ~~plurality~~ communication[[s file]], providing a communications record in the ~~current~~ activity folders. ~~for the communications file.~~

6.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[4]] 30, further comprising:
~~providing a display of~~ displaying a folder tree;
~~providing a display of~~ displaying the contents of ~~a current~~ an activity folder; and
~~associating the subset of files with the current folder by allocating folder space in a file folder of the files to which the files are associated.~~
 storing the separated files of the communication as related files within the particular activity folder.

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[7]] 43, further comprising:
transferring the email communication[[s]] and related attachments to and from a host and manipulating data included in the email communication[[s]] and related attachments; ~~in accordance with the association of the subset of files with the folders and the allocation of file attachments folder space,~~ the

transfer including

determining whether the <u>one or more files of the communication</u> ~~message~~ is a record in a standardized file format;

if the ~~message~~ <u>one or more files of the communication</u> is a record in the standardized format, presenting the record in an ordered manner; and

determining whether the <u>one or more files of the communication</u> ~~message~~ is a record in a predetermined format ~~including association of file attachments,~~ and permitting [[~~the~~]] <u>input from a</u> user to assign the ~~file~~ <u>related</u> attachments to <u>an</u> ~~respective~~ <u>activity</u> folder ~~by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated~~ <u>, wherein the activity folder comprises related attachments regardless of application type and the activity folder is one of the following: a user-defined folder, a system-defined folder, a program-defined folder.</u>

9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Canceled)

11.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 8, <u>further</u> comprising:

receiving a ~~message~~ <u>communication</u>;

if the ~~message~~ <u>communication</u> is a record in the standardized format, determining whether the ~~message~~ <u>communication</u> ~~includes data includes multiple resulting messages~~ <u>comprises one or more files</u>;

determining whether a first resulting ~~message~~ <u>one or more files of the communication</u> is text;

if the first resulting ~~message~~ <u>one or more files of the communication</u> is text, adding the contents of the first resulting ~~message~~ <u>one or more files of the communication</u> as a sticker to all the other resulting ~~messages~~ <u>files of the communication</u>; and

deleting the first resulting ~~message~~ <u>one or more files of the communication</u> from the inbox.

12.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 8, <u>further</u> comprising:

receiving a ~~message~~ <u>communication</u>;

if the ~~message~~ <u>communication</u> is a record in the standardized format, determining whether the ~~message~~ <u>communication</u> includes ~~parts~~ <u>files</u> which

are not ~~part of a multipart message~~ <u>one of the one or more files of the</u>
<u>communication</u>;
if the message includes ~~parts~~ which are not ~~part of a multipart message~~ <u>one of</u>
<u>the one or more files of the communication</u>;
determining a form of encoding for the ~~message parts~~ <u>one or more files</u> of the
communication; and
decoding the ~~message parts~~ <u>one or more files of the communication</u> according
to the form of encoding ~~for the message parts~~.

13.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 30, further comprising:
executing a find routine to locate a first file in <u>an activity</u> folder;
making a temporary list of extended file information records;
determining if extended file information for the ~~files~~ <u>file</u> is available;
if the extended file information is available, displaying file information
concerning the file;
determining if a sticker note associated with the file is found and if the sticker
note is found, displaying the existence of the sticker note;
determining if tag information associated with the file is found and if the tag
information is found, displaying the existence of the tag information; and
repeating the sequence until no further files are found in the folder.

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[1]] <u>43</u>, further comprising:
transferring email communications to and from a host and manipulating data
included in the <u>one or more related attachments of the</u> email communications
in accordance with the ~~association of the subset of files with the folders and~~
~~the allocation of file attachments folder space~~ <u>activity folder</u>;
if the transfer is a send operation, determining if the recipient is tagged for
encryption;
if the recipient is tagged for encryption, sending the file in encrypted form; and
if the transfer is a receive operation, permitting [[the]] <u>input from a user</u> to
assign the file attachments to ~~a respective folder by allocating the file~~
~~attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file~~
~~attachments are associated~~ <u>an activity folder</u>.

16.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 15, <u>further</u> comprising:
accepting user inputs for file manipulation commands;
performing a file manipulation subroutines corresponding to the user inputs;
and
associating file attachments with selected ones of the files, and locating the file
attachments in the <u>related activity folder</u>~~respective folder by allocating the file
attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file
attachments are associated.~~

17.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[1]] <u>30,</u> <u>further</u> comprising:
tagging a file in response to a predetermined mouse click;
providing a representation of the file in a mouse "drag" representation to
follow the mouse until receiving another instance of the predetermined mouse
click; and
providing a "release mouse click" function in response, said receiving another
instance of the predetermined mouse click, thereby permitting folder
allocation without a requirement that the user hold a mouse button during a
mouse "drag" operation.

18.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[1]] <u>30,</u> <u>further</u> comprising:
tagging a file in response to a predetermined mouse click;
providing a representation of the file in a mouse "drag" representation to
follow the mouse until receiving another instance of the predetermined mouse
click;
providing a "release mouse click" function in response said receiving another
instance of the predetermined mouse click, thereby permitting folder
allocation without a requirement that the user hold a mouse button during a
mouse "drag" operation;
accepting user inputs for file manipulation commands; and
performing a file manipulation subroutines corresponding to the user inputs.

19.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim [[1]] <u>43,</u> <u>further</u> comprising:
accepting user inputs for file manipulation by tagging a file in response to a
predetermined mouse click;
providing a representation of the file in a mouse "drag" representation to
follow the mouse until receiving another instance of the predetermined mouse

click;

providing a "release mouse click" function in response said receiving another instance of the predetermined mouse click, thereby permitting folder allocation without a requirement that the user hold a mouse button during a mouse "drag" operation;

performing a file manipulation subroutines corresponding to the user inputs;

selectively associating file attachments with selected ones of the files, and locating the file attachments in the respective folder by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated; and

the association of the subset of the communications files with the current folder including allocating the communications files with a file folder definition of the current folder, thereby providing a common folder structure which includes communications files in individual file folders containing related user files.

20. (Currently amended)   The method of claim 19, <u>further</u> comprising: accepting user inputs for file manipulation commands;

performing a file manipulation subroutines corresponding to the user inputs; and

associating file attachments with the user selected folders, and locating the file attachments in the respective folder by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated.

21. (Currently amended)   The method of claim 19, <u>further</u> comprising: transferring email communications to and from a host and manipulating data included in the email communications in accordance with the association of the subset of files with the folders and the allocation of file attachments folder space, the transfer including

determining whether the message is a record in a standardized file format;

if the message is a record in the standardized format, presenting the record in an ordered manner; and

determining whether the message is a record in a predetermined format including association of file attachments, and permitting the user to assign the file attachments to a respective folder by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated.

22.   (Currently amended)   A computer program product for displaying and manipulating computer files and presenting the ~~communications~~ computer files in a ~~primary~~ general folder structure for user files, the computer program product comprising:

    code for receiving communications files, <u>wherein a communication file comprises one or more application type files</u>;

    code for selecting ~~a user-selected~~ <u>an activity</u> folder ~~as the~~ <u>where an activity folder has at least one or more separate</u> current <u>user-defined activity</u> folders; and

    code for associating ~~at least a subset of~~ the communications files <u>comprising one or more application type files</u> ~~with the~~ <u>into separate</u> current <u>user defined</u> activity folders, including <u>code for</u> allocating ~~the communications files~~ <u>the separate user defined activity folders within the activity folder for each of the communication files comprising one or more application type files</u> ~~with a file folder definition of the current folder~~, thereby providing ~~a common~~ <u>an activity</u> folder ~~structure~~ which includes <u>related</u> communications files <u>comprising one or more application type files</u> in ~~individual file~~ <u>separate user defined activity</u> folders. ~~containing related user files with the communications files associated with the~~ <u>within one activity folder.</u> ~~current folder, thereby providing said common folder structure.~~

23.   (Currently amended)   The computer program product of claim 22, further comprising code for accepting user inputs for file manipulation commands and performing file manipulation subroutines corresponding to the user inputs, wherein ~~file attachments~~ <u>communication files of one or more application type files</u> are associated with ~~the user-selected~~ <u>at least one activity</u> ~~folders~~ <u>folder as one or more file attachments</u>, ~~and~~ <u>wherein</u> the file attachments are located in ~~the respective~~ <u>a current user defined activity</u> folder ~~by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated, wherein the~~ <u>said</u> file attachments ~~include~~ <u>including but not limited to:</u> attachment notes, file identification modifiers, and external file links.

24.   (Currently amended)   The computer program product of claim 22, <u>further</u> comprising:

    code for providing a control record in a directory location for indexing a plurality of communications files, by locating the control record in the ~~current~~

activity folder for the communications file.

25.   (Currently amended)   The computer program product of claim 24, <u>further</u> comprising:

the communications files including email communications; and

code for transferring the email communications to and from a host and manipulating data included in the email communications ~~in accordance with the association of the subset of files with the folders and the allocation of file attachments folder space~~ <u>from an activity folder</u>, the transfer including determining whether the ~~message~~ <u>communications file</u> is a record in a standardized file format and if the ~~message~~ <u>communications file</u> is a record in the standardized format, presenting the record in an ordered manner, and determining whether the ~~message~~ <u>communications file</u> is a record in a predetermined format including association of file attachments, ~~and permitting the user to~~ <u>thereby</u> ~~assign~~ <u>assigning</u> the file attachments to ~~a respective~~ <u>to a current user defined activity</u> folder <u>of the activity folder.</u> ~~by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated~~ .

26.   (Currently amended)   The computer program product of claim 25, further comprising:

code for receiving a ~~message~~ <u>communications file</u>, and if the ~~message~~ <u>communications file</u> is a record in the standardized format, determining whether the ~~message~~ <u>communications file comprises one or more files</u> ~~includes data includes multiple resulting messages~~;

code for determining whether a first resulting message is text, and if the first resulting message is text, adding the contents of the first resulting message as a sticker to all the other resulting messages; and

code for deleting the first resulting message from the inbox.

27.   (Currently amended)   The computer program product of claim 22, further comprising code for transferring email communications to and from a host and manipulating data included in the email communications ~~in accordance with the association of the subset of files with the folders and the allocation of file attachments folder space~~ <u>in related one or more attachment files of an activity folder</u>, and if the transfer is a send operation, determining if the recipient is tagged for

encryption and if the recipient is tagged for encryption, sending the file in encrypted form, and if the transfer is a receive operation, permitting the user to assign the file attachments to a respective activity folder ~~by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated~~.

28.   (Currently amended)   The computer program product of claim 22, further comprising code for tagging a file in response to a predetermined mouse click, providing a representation of the file in a mouse "drag" representation to follow the mouse until receiving another instance of the predetermined mouse click, and providing a "release mouse click" function in response to said receiving another instance of the predetermined mouse click, thereby permitting folder allocation without a requirement that the user hold a mouse button during a mouse "drag" operation.

29.   (Currently amended)   The computer program product of claim 28, further comprising:

    code for performing [[a]] file manipulation subroutines corresponding to [[the]] user inputs;

    code for selectively associating file attachments with selected ones of the files[[,]] and for locating the file attachments in the respective activity folder ~~by allocating the file attachments folder space in a file folder of the files to which the file attachments are associated~~; and

    code for the association of the subset of the communications files with the current user-defined activity folder including allocating the communications files with a file folder definition of the current user-defined activity folder, thereby providing a common activity folder structure which includes communications files in individual file folders containing related user files.

30.   (New) A method for displaying and manipulating computer files within an information handling system wherein computer files are presented in a general folder structure including one or more activity folders, the method comprising:

    automatically identifying a communication comprising one or more files of one or more application types;

    automatically storing each of the files of the communication as separate files in a particular activity folder; and

    thereby automatically allowing the separate files of the communication to be

manipulated from the particular activity folder regardless of the application type.

31.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the general folder structure is part of a tree directory structure maintained by the information handling system.

32.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the activity folder comprises related files of one or more application type, wherein the activity folder is one of the following: a user-defined folder, a system-defined folder, a program-defined folder.

33.   (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the one or more files of the activity folder are related according to at least one of the following: activity, work session, project, task, operation, date, time, order, client, user input, and contact information.

34.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the one or more files of the activity folder are related according to at least one of the following: activity, work session, project, task, operation, date, time, order, client, user input, and contact information.

35.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the method of identifying the communication includes at least one of the following: creating, receiving, accessing, storing, processing, moving, copying, and sending the communication.

36.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein each of the one or more separate files of the communication in a particular activity folder are identified as related files of the communication.

37.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein manipulating includes at least one of the following: storing, processing, accessing, deleting, sending, receiving, creating, moving, copying, viewing, renaming, and editing.

38.   (New) The method of claim 37, wherein manipulating the separate files of the communication includes manipulating the separate files between one or more activity folders.

39.   (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
    identifying at least one of the files of the communication from the activity folder; and

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manipulating the identified file from in activity folder in response to a user input.

40.   (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising:
storing the manipulated one or more files of the communication with related one or more files of the activity folder.

41.   (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the stored one or more files of the communication is identified as related to the communication in the activity folder the file is stored.

42.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication comprising one or more files of one or more application types comprises one or more of the following: application files, document files, contact files, communication files, and web files.

43.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication comprising one or more files of one or more application types is identified as an email communication file and related attachments to the email communication file.

44.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication comprising one or more files of one or more application types is identified as a text file and related attachments to the text file.

45.   (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
identifying one or more files of one or more application types without a communication; and
storing the identified files in the particular activity folder as separate files that can be manipulated from the activity folder regardless of application type.

46.   (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the information handling system associates an application program for each of the one or more application types of the one or more files of the communication, further comprising:
separating the communication upon arrival into an email communication file and one or more related attachment files of one or more application type;
storing the email file and the one or more related attachment files of one or more application type in the particular activity folder as related files; and

manipulating at least one of the following: the email file and the one or more related attachment files as separate files in the particular activity folder without accessing the application program associated with the one or more application types of the one or more files of the communication.

47.   (New) The method of claim 46, wherein manipulating includes at least one of the following: storing, processing, accessing, deleting, sending, receiving, creating, moving, copying, viewing, renaming, and editing.

48.   (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:

identifying at least one of the files of the communication from the activity folder; and

manipulating the identified file in the activity folder in response to a user input.

49.   (New) The method of claim 46, wherein identifying at least one of the files of the communication includes at least one of the following: creating, receiving, accessing, storing, processing, editing, moving, copying and sending the file.

50.   (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:

storing the manipulated file with related one or more files in one or more activity folder regardless of application type.

51.   (New) The method of claim 46, wherein only one of the following is manipulated: the email message file, and the one or more related attachment files.

52.   (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the manipulating is limited to manipulating the one or more related attachment files in the particular activity folder, without manipulating the related email file, by one or more of the following: processing, and performing operations on the one or more related attachment file.